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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RADIOS FOR MALDIVES

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1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER AUG 20 FROM
AMB DIDI IN RESPONSE TO OFFER OF HEATHKITS.
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH READS AS FOLLOWS: QTE I AM
HAPPY TO INFORM YOU OF THE MALDIVIAN GOVTS WILLINGNESS
AND ITS INTEREST IN RECEIVING THE EQUIPMENT MENTIONED
IN YOUR LETTER. I HAVE ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO FIND OUT
WHETHER THE USG COULD PROVIDE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH
A 19-STATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK INSTEAD OF 12-STATION
AS YOUR EXCELLENCY ALSO WOULD BE AWARE THAT MALDIVES IS
DIVIDED INTO 19 ATOLLS. FURTHER, MY GOVT REQUESTS TO
FIND OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING TWO MALDIVIANS IN
RESPECT OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT UNQTE.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES EQUIPMENT SUFFICIENT FOR 19-STATION
NETWORK SHOULD BE PROVIDED SO THAT EACH ATOLL IN
MALDIVES WOULD HAVE COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT WITH
MALE AS DESIRED BY GOM. WE ALSO SUPPORT
GOM REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR TWO MALDIVIANS IN
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AS THIS WOULD ENHANCE
PROBABILITY THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USED PROPERLY
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AND PROLONG ITS USEFULNESS. BELIEVE SUCH TRAINING

COULD BE BEST PROVIDED IN MALDIVES AFTER EQUIPMENT
ARRIVES THERE.

3. AMB DIDI ALSO RAISED ORALLY WITH
AMB QUESTION OF POWER SOURCE FOR EQUIPMENT.
DIDI SAID THAT HE BELIEVED ONLY TWO ATOLLS HAVE ELECTRICITY AND
INDEPENDENT SOURCE OF POWER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RUN
EQUIPMENT. HE ASKED IF BATTERIES COULD BE PRO-
VIDED WITH SETS TO SUPPLY POWER. WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING WHETHER THIS POSSIBLE. IF SO, RECOMMEND THAT
THESE BE PROVIDED AS PART OF EQUIPMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENSE
WILL OBVIOUSLY BE INVOLVED, BELIEVE IT IS IN US
INTEREST TO PROVIDE GOM WITH MOST COMPLETE AND USEFUL
PACKAGE OF EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE. WOULD APPRECIATE
INDICATION OF WHETHER WE CAN MEET GOM REQUEST AND HOW SOON
EQUIPMENT CAN BE READY FOR SHIPMENT TO
MALDIVES.
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